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PARTICLES AND MECHANICALLY STRONG AND TRANSPARENT OR  
TRANSLUCENT COMPOSITES MADE USING SUCH PARTICLE

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This is a response to the request for corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), filed on March 24, 2004, because the patent application publication is missing the assignee information on the front page of the publication.

The request is DISMISSED at applicants request in response to a phone call on May 14, 2004.

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<sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).